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1. IN RESPONSE TO CONGEN INQUIRY, HAMDI UGE, ONE OF TWO HAYES LOCAL LAWYERS WHO NOT PRESENT AT JULY 25 MEETING DESCRIBED REFTTEL, SAID FOLLOWING REGARDING STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO OBTAIN PRESIDENTIAL PARDON: QUOTE PETITION FOR A PRESIDENTIAL PARDON MAY BE SUBMITTED THROUGH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE BY APPLICANT HIMSELF OR BY HIS ATTORNEY AFTER ACCUSED HAS BEEN DEFINITELY SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT. THERE MUST BE AN HEALTH EXCUSE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL PARDON. EXCUSE MENTIONED IN PETITION MUST BE ACCEPTED AND SUPPORTED BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE, WHO IN TURN PRESENTS IT TO PRESIDENT. UNQUOTE HE WENT ON TO STRESS IMPORTANCE US SUPPORT FOR SUCH A REQUEST AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL.

2. COMMENT. UGE'S PARTNER ONUR DID NOT MENTION NECESSITY HEALTH EXCUSE IN JULY 25 CONVERSATION. WHILE THIS CERTAINLY A COMPLICATION, BILL HAYES DOES HAVE HISTORY MINOR PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTURBANCE WHICH DEFENSE HAS SOUGHT TO CAPITALIZE ON IN PAST.
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